Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Our nation is committed to providing opportunity for all Americans. Often individuals must overcome economic, social, cultural, and learning barriers in order to pursue academic opportunity. In support of this commitment, Congress established programs to help under-resourced and disadvantaged Americans enter college, graduate, and move on to participate more fully in America's economic and social life; and,

Whereas, The United States Higher Education Act created the Federal TRiO programs as a means of assisting students and supporting them in their efforts to fulfill their educational potential. Millions of students nation-wide have graduated from high school and college with the special assistance of these educational access programs. More than 840,000 low-income, first-generation students and students with disabilities — from sixth grade through college graduation — are served annually by more than 2,900 programs nationally; and,

Whereas, TRiO programs strive to provide all participants with the opportunity to pursue and succeed in higher education through projects aimed at assisting first-generation students, students with limited income, and students with disabilities to apply to and succeed in the post-secondary education environment; and,

Whereas, Each year South Dakota TRIO programs serve over two thousand South Dakota students through the following programs: Educational Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, and Student Support Services. These programs are located at the University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Northern State University, Black Hills State University, Oglala Lakota College, Sisseton Wahpeton College, and Dakota Wesleyan University with offices throughout the state; and,

Whereas, These projects identify promising students, prepare them to do college level work, provide information on financial aid opportunities, provide mentoring, tutoring, advising and other support services to students to ensure student retention and graduation:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2012, as

TRIO DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State